



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 23, 2018. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 9 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 30 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 14 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 57.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Crossett to 71.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Stuttgart. Highs ranged from 80.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Kingston to 98.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora. Moderate to heavy precipitation was received throughout the State, with the highest concentration occurring in the central part of the State with an average of 4.00 inches.

Crop progress for week ending September 23, 2018

| Crop | This week | Last week | Last year | 5-year average |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Corn, harvested | 81 | 66 | 90 | 89 |
| Cotton, open bolls | 96 | 89 | 84 | 82 |
| Cotton, harvested | 18 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Peanuts, dug | 7 | 1 | 8 | (NA) |
| Rice, mature | 99 | 95 | 98 | 94 |
| Rice, harvested | 70 | 47 | 75 | 63 |
| Sorghum, harvested | 91 | 85 | 91 | 81 |
| Soybeans, turning color | 83 | 73 | 87 | 77 |
| Soybeans, dropping leaves | 59 | 40 | 70 | 59 |
| Soybeans, mature | 37 | 24 | 55 | 46 |
| Soybeans, harvested | 18 | 9 | 33 | 27 |
| Winter wheat, planted | 1 | 0 | 6 | 2 |

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending September 23, 2018

| Item | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cotton | 1 | 3 | 14 | 44 | 38 |
| Hay, alfalfa | 3 | 5 | 73 | 19 | 0 |
| Hay, other | 3 | 10 | 36 | 43 | 8 |
| Livestock | 1 | 5 | 28 | 55 | 11 |
| Pasture | 6 | 11 | 29 | 44 | 10 |
| Peanuts | 0 | 0 | 9 | 39 | 52 |
| Soybeans | 2 | 8 | 29 | 43 | 18 |

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Most of the rice and corn in the county has been harvested. Cotton has been defoliated, and picking will begin soon. Soybeans are starting to yellow with harvest expected to take off as October arrives.”

- Dave Freeze, Greene County

“Producers worked long hours harvesting as much as possible ahead of the rain last week. Several fields of hay were harvested with good yields. Armyworms were still around but in low populations.”

- Kevin Lawson, Faulkner County

“Harvest was cut short last week with rain the last three days. Reported yields were, for the most part, average to above average. Very few reports were lower than average yields. Forages made moderate growth during the week. Armyworms were reported in some areas of the county. Rain should help with getting cool season forages to grow.”

- Mike Andrews, Randolph County

“Cotton harvest was initiated in some areas. Most fields were being defoliated, and some were scheduled to receive boll opening applications of harvest aid to prep for harvest. Then, heavy rains fell in most of the county during the last few days of last week. Weather conditions are now critically important for the upcoming week and will heavily influence the yield and quality of cotton in the area.”

- Ray Benson, Mississippi County

“Unseasonably hot and dry weather in the county last week. Heavy rain fell over the weekend and was greatly appreciated by producers that are betting on fall and winter forages for livestock. The short hay season has most producers reducing herds to stay in production for a few more years.”

- Glenda Sutherlin, Union County

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending September 23, 2018

| Division/Station | Air Temperature | | | | | Precipitation | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | Max | Min | Avg | Norm | DFN | One Week | Rain Days | DFN | Four Weeks | Four Weeks DFN |
| Northwest | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kingston | 80.9 | 59.1 | 70.0 | 67.2 | 2.8 | 2.37 | 2 | (NA) | 4.10 | (NA) |
| Lead Hill | 84.3 | 62.6 | 73.4 | 65.9 | 7.5 | 1.56 | 3 | 0.61 | 2.62 | -0.95 |
| Winslow | 81.1 | 66.3 | 73.7 | (NA) | (NA) | 3.18 | 3 | (NA) | 3.55 | (NA) |
| Extreme/Average | 82.1 | 62.7 | 72.4 | 66.6 | 5.2 | 2.37 | 3 | 0.61 | 3.42 | -0.95 |
| North Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calico Rock | 84.9 | 63.4 | 74.1 | 67.1 | 7.0 | 1.99 | 2 | 0.97 | 6.52 | 2.99 |
| Evening Shade | 92.4 | 66.6 | 79.5 | 69.2 | 9.8 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.60 | 2.83 | -0.17 |
| Gilbert | 86.6 | 64.1 | 75.4 | 68.5 | 6.9 | 0.92 | 2 | -0.10 | 1.91 | -1.70 |
| Mammoth Spring | 86.1 | 63.7 | 74.9 | 66.8 | 8.2 | 1.09 | 2 | 0.17 | 5.37 | 1.89 |
| Mountain Home | 87.6 | 66.4 | 77.0 | 68.7 | 8.3 | 1.02 | 2 | 0.04 | 1.43 | -2.32 |
| Mountain View | 86.4 | 67.3 | 76.9 | 69.1 | 7.7 | 1.75 | 2 | 0.78 | 6.80 | 3.14 |
| Extreme/Average | 87.3 | 65.2 | 76.3 | 68.2 | 8.0 | 1.13 | 2 | 0.21 | 4.14 | 0.64 |
| Northeast | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corning | 89.1 | 66.3 | 77.7 | 69.7 | 8.1 | 1.32 | 2 | 0.48 | 3.15 | 0.15 |
| Jonesboro | 87.2 | 65.3 | 76.3 | 69.8 | 6.5 | 2.52 | 2 | 1.85 | 9.13 | 6.66 |
| Keiser | 94.0 | 68.0 | 81.0 | 71.4 | 8.5 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.23 | 1.91 | -0.16 |
| Newport | 87.9 | 67.7 | 77.8 | 70.7 | 7.1 | 2.10 | 2 | 1.39 | 3.96 | 1.23 |
| Pocahontas | 87.6 | 66.6 | 77.1 | 68.6 | 8.5 | 1.12 | 2 | 0.32 | 4.99 | 1.78 |
| Searcy | 93.0 | 70.5 | 81.8 | 71.0 | 10.6 | 2.71 | 1 | 2.08 | 7.62 | 4.83 |
| Extreme/Average | 89.8 | 67.4 | 78.6 | 70.2 | 8.2 | 1.63 | 2 | 0.98 | 5.13 | 2.42 |
| West Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Booneville | 91.0 | 67.0 | 79.5 | 70.6 | 8.7 | 4.04 | 3 | 3.06 | 5.23 | 1.67 |
| Dardanelle | 90.0 | 66.6 | 78.3 | 71.8 | 6.5 | 4.83 | 3 | (NA) | 6.22 | (NA) |
| Mena | 84.9 | 65.0 | 74.9 | 69.3 | 5.6 | 2.59 | 2 | 1.50 | 4.21 | 0.25 |
| Subiaco | 88.4 | 68.3 | 78.4 | 70.9 | 7.5 | 1.95 | 2 | 1.03 | 3.96 | 0.45 |
| Waldron | 86.3 | 66.3 | 76.3 | 69.3 | 7.0 | 2.57 | 3 | 1.61 | 5.31 | 1.61 |
| Extreme/Average | 88.1 | 66.6 | 77.5 | 70.4 | 7.1 | 3.20 | 3 | 1.80 | 4.99 | 1.00 |
| Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alum Fork | 85.1 | 67.3 | 76.2 | 70.4 | 5.8 | 4.43 | 3 | 3.46 | 6.97 | 3.38 |
| Cabot | 93.1 | 66.1 | 79.6 | 71.6 | 8.0 | 5.95 | 2 | 5.24 | 8.24 | 5.46 |
| Conway | 89.3 | 68.0 | 78.6 | 71.0 | 7.6 | 2.97 | 2 | 2.37 | 6.13 | 3.48 |
| Hot Springs | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 72.2 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 3.00 | 0.77 |
| Morrilton | 89.7 | 67.4 | 78.6 | 70.7 | 7.9 | 2.66 | 2 | 1.91 | 4.60 | 1.65 |
| Extreme/Average | 89.3 | 67.2 | 78.3 | 71.2 | 7.3 | 4.00 | 3 | 3.25 | 5.79 | 2.95 |
| East Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brinkley | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 71.3 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Des Arc | 90.0 | 70.3 | 80.1 | 72.0 | 8.1 | 3.23 | 2 | 2.59 | 5.09 | 2.54 |
| Keo | 88.9 | 68.3 | 78.6 | 72.0 | 6.6 | 4.10 | 2 | 3.40 | 6.86 | 4.29 |
| Stuttgart | 89.5 | 71.5 | 80.5 | 72.1 | 8.3 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.52 | 4.37 | 2.46 |
| West Memphis | 88.8 | 69.7 | 79.3 | 72.3 | 6.8 | 0.43 | 1 | -0.17 | 4.92 | 2.34 |
| Extreme/Average | 89.3 | 70.0 | 79.6 | 71.9 | 7.5 | 1.94 | 2 | 1.32 | 5.31 | 2.91 |
| Southwest | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashdown | 92.7 | 71.1 | 81.9 | (NA) | (NA) | 2.25 | 2 | 1.40 | 3.54 | 0.19 |
| De Queen | 94.4 | 70.8 | 82.6 | 72.1 | 10.1 | 0.03 | 1 | -0.57 | 0.55 | -2.44 |
| Hope | 89.2 | 69.2 | 79.2 | 72.2 | 7.0 | 2.27 | 2 | 1.61 | 4.18 | 0.91 |
| Murfreesboro | 86.3 | 67.0 | 76.7 | 70.5 | 6.1 | 2.72 | 2 | 2.02 | 6.01 | 2.78 |
| Nashville | 90.6 | 70.0 | 80.3 | 73.9 | 6.4 | 3.23 | 3 | 2.46 | 4.73 | 1.60 |
| Extreme/Average | 90.6 | 69.6 | 80.1 | 72.2 | 7.4 | 2.10 | 3 | 1.38 | 3.80 | 0.61 |
| South Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Camden | 92.4 | 69.3 | 80.9 | 72.2 | 8.7 | 2.63 | 2 | 1.86 | 4.75 | 2.02 |
| Fordyce | 90.0 | 68.9 | 79.4 | 70.8 | 8.6 | 3.35 | 2 | 2.59 | 5.80 | 3.00 |
| Magnolia | 89.9 | 69.3 | 79.6 | 72.7 | 6.9 | 2.91 | 3 | 2.18 | 2.96 | 1.71 |
| Prescott | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 71.5 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 0.65 | -0.40 |
| Sparkman | 89.7 | 70.1 | 79.9 | 71.3 | 8.6 | 1.88 | 2 | 1.24 | 4.03 | 1.28 |
| Extreme/Average | 90.5 | 69.4 | 80.0 | 71.7 | 8.2 | 2.69 | 3 | 1.97 | 3.64 | 1.52 |
| Southeast | | | | | | | | | | |
| Crossett | 95.3 | 57.3 | 76.3 | 72.3 | 4.0 | 1.55 | 2 | 0.86 | 2.54 | -0.59 |
| Eudora | 98.8 | 68.2 | 83.5 | 75.1 | 8.0 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.55 | 2.59 | -0.29 |
| Pine Bluff | 89.9 | 71.4 | 80.6 | 73.2 | 7.5 | 3.96 | 2 | 3.17 | 15.97 | 13.05 |
| Portland | 93.0 | 70.4 | 81.7 | 73.2 | 8.5 | 0.58 | 1 | -0.12 | 2.29 | -0.40 |
| Rohwer | 91.3 | 71.1 | 81.2 | 72.8 | 8.4 | 0.20 | 1 | -0.35 | 2.33 | 0.20 |
| Extreme/Average | 93.7 | 67.7 | 80.7 | 73.3 | 7.3 | 1.26 | 2 | 0.60 | 5.14 | 2.39 |
| State | 89.0 | 67.5 | 78.3 | 70.7 | 7.4 | 2.26 | 3 | 1.37 | 4.63 | 1.58 |

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.